

KINGSBRIDGE AND SALCOMBE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1953.

The Report is prepared in the form required by the Ministry of Health (Circular 23/52 of the 6th November, 1952).

SECTION I - Staff.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other appointment held.
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NO CHANGE.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected.		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports.	127	1575	-	-	-
Coastwise.	423	5890	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL.</u>	550	7465	-	-	-

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the Year.

TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC ... Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil.  
... Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.

CARGO TRAFFIC ... Principal IMPORTS - Nil.  
... Principal EXPORTS - Nil.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Channel Islands, North Coast of France (Cameret) and coastwise yachts.



SECTION III - (Continued).

Character of shipping - 42 yachts arrived from the Channel Islands and the North Coast of France. 423 coastwise yachts.

It is estimated that about 210 persons landed from the yachts.

85 French Fishing vessels (Crabbers) came into port from Cameret. None from infected ports.

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

No change.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

No change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

- (1) The Smallpox Hospital (Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall) in the Plymouth Clinical Area.
- (2) The Plymouth Ambulance Service, Greenbank, Plymouth. Telephone No:- Plymouth 4101.
- (3) Dr. W.A.Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. (Telephone No:- Plymouth 5701 and Devonport 40).  
Dr. D.F.Johnstone, The Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, or in his absence, Dr. J.L.Flucker must be informed immediately and invited to come and see the case. (Telephone No:- Plymouth 4311). (Ministry of Health Panel of Practitioners designated to assist the Medical Officer of Health in the diagnosis of smallpox).
- (4) The Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

A Memorandum has been prepared enumerating the measures to be carried out in the event of the occurrence of Smallpox in the district. This has been circulated to all concerned and a copy has been sent to the Ministry of Health (15th July, 1952).

SECTION VIII - Venereal Diseases.

No change.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other infectious disease on ships.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

Nil.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

Nil.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) The Customs Officer makes the necessary enquiries.
  - (2) Specimens may be sent to the City Pathologist, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, for examination. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.
  - (3) and
  - (4) Not applicable.
- Satisfactory rodent control is carried out in Salcombe by the Urban District Council.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number
Black rats ... ..	Nil
Brown rats ... ..	Nil
Species not known ... ..	Nil
Sent for examination ... ..	Nil
Infected with plague ... ..	Nil

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certificates issued.
After fumigation with HCN	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping.	After poisoning.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The French Crabbers lie in the stream and do not come alongside.  
There are no approved wharfs in Salcombe.



SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.	Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations,  
1934 and 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to  
ports approved for the landing of aliens.

No change.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

No change.

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17th February, 1954.

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